



NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

IN-HOME AND RELATIVE CHILD CARE PROVIDER MONITORING, MENTORING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Early Childhood Education (ECE) is responsible for coordinating early childhood education services for District of Columbia children and their families.

Request for Application:

OSSE will be issuing a Request for Application (RFA) to select one (1) grantee for a project directed at improving the services delivered by in-home and relative child care providers who participate in the OSSE Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP). Funds up to \$75,000.00 are available to support the grant to be awarded under this RFA. To be eligible for an award, applicants must be licensed to do business in the District of Columbia and must be certified by the District of Columbia Professional Development System for Early Childhood Professionals or agree to become certified within six (6) months of the award.

Important Dates:

The Request for Application (RFA) will be available on August 20, 2010. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website (www.opgs.dc.gov) at the District Grants Clearinghouse link. Applications may also be obtained from Ms. Helen Jordan, Management Analyst, 717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005 at (202) 727-1839 or helen.jordan@dc.gov. The RFA application deadline is September 20, 2010.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 717 14th Street, NW, 8th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005. For preparation purposes, interested parties planning to attend the Pre-Application Conference are requested to RSVP to Ms. Angelia McDuffie at (202) 727-1839 or angelia.mcduffie@dc.gov.

Background:

Much of the child care services in the District of Columbia are provided in homes by family members of relatives. For many low-income District of Columbia residents, in-home child care is more affordable and, in some cases, in-home relative child care is preferred. However, in-home child care providers may lack the skills, training, and knowledge required to nurture children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth. Many of the license exempt in-home or relative child care providers are not aware of the resources and the network available to them. Consequently, these children may not be receiving the quality of care that is needed.

The grantee will be expected to improve the child care services given by the in-home relative providers to improve the development and school readiness of the children in their care through provider training, monitoring, networking, and newsletters.